

Application No. 09/815,914

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Patent No. 6,355,854 ("the '854 patent"). The Examiner indicates that this rejection may be overcome by filing a terminal disclaimer.

Further, the Examiner has provisionally rejected claims 6, 8-11, 13-15, 67, and 69-77 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-39, 41-44, 46-7, 74, 78, 79, 81-88, and 99 filed in Application No. 09/510,458. Applicant notes that Application No. 09/510,458 issued as U.S. Patent 6,417,422 ("the '422 patent") on July 7, 2002 and thus understands the obviousness-type double patenting rejection to be non-provisional. The Examiner indicates that this rejection also may be overcome by filing a terminal disclaimer.

Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer, as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants believe that this terminal disclaimer obviates the obviousness-type double patenting rejections.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Prompt allowance of this application is

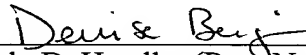
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requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview would be helpful, he is invited to call applicant's attorneys at any time.

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